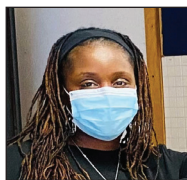


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Exploring Greenbelt on Foot

by Kyla Hanington

Part One of a Series

When the News Review asked if I'd write an essay about walks around Greenbelt, I couldn't imagine a better person for the job. As the farthest I've walked at any one time since March 2020 is from my bedroom to the kitchen and back



Kyla Hanington

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again, an article about various walks around Greenbelt sounded like no problem at all. There was the small matter of needing to actually do the walks, but I am nothing if not delusionally optimistic about both my intrepid outdoorsiness and my level of fitness at any given time. Never mind my arthritic knees. Never mind I've gained 60 pounds since the start of Covid-19. I am the

woman for this job!

Let me start by saying there are many places to walk around Greenbelt. I didn't walk around neighborhoods, although I am sure your neighborhood is lovely and I really missed out. Instead I tried to find – and walk – places that were, or might be, designated walking areas, places with trails and birds and the remote chance of being eaten by a bear, my life's ambition.

Research Road

To start with, I grabbed my friend Sieglinde and walked from Research Road down into the USDA farm. Sieglinde and I did an easy three miles, at the end

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School Board's Rapid About Face on Montessori School

by Cathie Meetre

On Wednesday, March 17, over 100 people, including several from Greenbelt, rallied to object to the unexpected decision by the Prince George's County Board of Education to transfer the Robert Goddard Montessori School from its current location in Seabrook to the vacant Meadowbrook School in Bowie. The move was intended to provide space at Robert Goddard for the temporary relocation of students from Hyattsville Middle School, whose facility is due to be rebuilt next year, catching the Montessori School's parents unaware.

The protesting parents included Lei Zong of Greenbelt who said, "This came as a complete surprise and all the parents feel blindsided. To make things worse, we learned this from an online flyer

from another school that would be moving into our space in the fall. There is a complete lack of process to get community input."

Protest

Robert Goddard Montessori School parents gathered at the Sasscer Administration Building in Upper Marlboro with placards protesting the move. School Board Member Joshua Thomas also wrote to County Schools CEO Monica Goldson explaining that Meadowbrook was insufficient for the students' needs – lacking numerous facilities like a gym, locker rooms, science labs and orchestra space as well as the updated air-conditioning systems the school enjoys at their current facility. Thomas also objected to the lack of consultation with parents prior to the decision.

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Greenbelt's James McKinney: Musician, Composer and More

by Amy Hansen

The screen opens black with white letters: S.O.U.L. Of A Black Woman. But the words almost dance in front of the viewer because of the music playing at the same time. The movie is an Afro-futurism film, directed and co-produced by RCL Graham. Greenbelt's James McKinney worked as a co-producer, but more importantly wrote the composition and sound design for the film.

The score evokes east and west African rhythms, chants, melodies and harmonies. The sound is a character in the film, McKinney explains, and the goal for a film composer is to enhance not overwhelm. "For S.O.U.L. Of A Black Woman I really dug deep," he said, exploring traditional African music. He also came to appreciate the depth that film composers John Williams and Bill Lee add by creating themes for the characters that give the audience hints of the action to come. His efforts paid off, winning McKinney the Best Composer award from the Charlotte Film Festival in 2020.



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James McKinney holds his guitar and poses with his business partner Scott Jacoby in their New York studio.

McKinney came to Greenbelt nearly three decades ago via Howard University where he studied music education. In his

native Florida, he performed in a couple of boy bands and danced.

See **MCKINNEY**, page 6

David Moran Retires After 26 Years with the City of Greenbelt

by Beverly Palau

At the end of the month, David Moran is retiring from his position as assistant city manager.

Moran started working for the city on March 13, 1995, as a paid student intern and was hired to classified service as the city clerk on July 31, 1995. He served in that position for four years and became the assistant city manager on July 1, 1999.

While in that position, Moran earned a master's degree in public administration. He took on



PHOTO COURTESY DAVID MORAN

David Moran

many responsibilities including developing the city's Legislative Program and monitoring state and county legislation throughout the year. He also managed the Community Development Block grant program, was essential to the development of the city's Annual

Budget, overseeing Capital Projects, Building Capital Reserve and Replacement Funds, and assisted with preparation and analysis of other budgets.

See **MORAN**, page 11

County to Consider Maglev Opposition

At its March 17 meeting, the Greenbelt City Council revealed that a new resolution is before the Prince George's County Council that would officially oppose the maglev proposal. Said Mayor Colin Byrd, if passed, all of the city's state and county representatives would be solidly for the no-build option. Byrd and Councilmember Judith Davis felt that it was likely that this will increase pressure on the state's federal representatives to come out in opposition as well.

What Goes On

Thursday, March 25

9 a.m. Free Diaper Distribution, Community Center

1 to 3 p.m. Free Produce Distribution, Community Center

Monday, March 29

8 p.m. Council Special Meeting: Maglev DEIS Review (Closed Session, see city ad)

Wednesday, March 31

8 p.m. Budget Worksession: Planning/Economic Development

All council meetings are virtual. See the meetings calendar at greenbeltmd.gov for agendas and information on public participation in these meetings.



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More than 18 people turned out for a two-hour cleanup at the pond on Hanover Parkway on March 20. See story, page 12.

Theater Expects to Reopen Once Staff Gets Vaccinated

by Brittany N. Gaddy

Old Greenbelt Theatre remains closed out of concern for the safety of its staff and patrons despite County Executive Angela Alsobrooks' announcement March 11 that theaters may reopen at 50 percent of their maximum capacity.

"We will not reopen until our staff can be vaccinated," said Caitlin McGrath, executive director of the theater.

The county health department just entered Phase 2 of vaccinating eligible residents and those who work in the county, which includes people 60 years or older,

essential workers and certain groups.

"When we say to our patrons, 'we want you to come back when you feel safe,' that for most people . . . will mean when they are vaccinated," she said. "And we want to have the same opportunity as a staff."

Before the historic theater closed a little over a year ago on March 13, 2020, it had never closed for a single day, McGrath said. The theater remained open through major renovations, snow days and federal holidays, she

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Letters to the Editor

Soft Edges

The plan for “soft edges” around the Community Gardens in the Forest Preserve would enhance habitat for bees, butterflies and other pollinators, including hummingbirds. The plan submitted to City Council by the Forest Preserve Advisory Board and Greenbelt Community Garden Club already addresses the concerns about pollinators expressed in Patricia Heil’s letter to the editor last week (Cognitive Dissonance), especially in Appendix C on Forest Gardens. The plan does call for taller trees responsible for shading gardens to be selectively removed in specified areas around the garden borders. As the plan states, in most cases these would be trees taller than 50 feet. Analysis of solar angles and shading shows that shorter trees can be retained, with greater height further from the gardens. Most trees 10-40 feet high would be left in place. Invasive species are not hospitable to pollinators and would be removed. Shorter-statured native trees, shrubs, grasses and forbs would be planted to enhance biodiversity. This is designed to improve conditions for pollinators as part of the plan to sustain sunny gardens bordered by a diverse “forest garden” habitat.

Bryan Bruns

(Disclosure: This letter is sent as an individual. I am a member of the Forest Preserve Advisory Board.)

Vacancy Games

If there are one or two vacancies on the city council, then council appoints someone or two to fill those vacancies. I’m okay with that. Since only 15 percent of registered Greenbelt voters actually vote in the city election, and they always re-elect the incumbents; then I suspect most Greenbelters are also okay with their elected representatives representing them to fill a vacancy on council.

Conducting an election and running for office require significant time and money. I’m willing to wait until the next regularly scheduled election to vote my opinion on who fills a vacancy. Until then, I trust the remaining 5 or 6 council members to make an acceptable decision about who joins them.

Why is this a priority? Is it because a councilmember wants to be on council while running for another office and then doesn’t think council will choose their favorite successor to replace them if they are elected?

Alex Barnes

Please Take Vaccine

It has recently come to my attention that several Greenbelters have refused the vaccines for the Covid-19 virus. One person that I know of has campaigned against the vaccinations.

This person quoted to me the work of John Barthelow Classen, holder of a medical license and an M.B.A. from Columbia University. I wish to point out that according to Wikipedia, Classen’s experiments on the effects of vaccines on mice did not follow standard study protocols and were not replicable. Replicability is the gold standard for validation of a study.

Therefore, persons are well advised to discard the recommendations of Classen and instead follow the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). The guidelines were provided by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) – a panel of independent scientific experts on vaccines that advises the CDC.

Accordingly, I ask Greenbelters to please take vaccinations wherever and whenever possible. You will protect yourself as well as your fellow citizens. The effects of the Covid-19 virus can be daunting, with many survivors having heavy damage to the heart, blood vessels and blackening of lung tissue.

Shalom Fisher

Open the Indoor Pool

It has been two weeks since the fitness part of the GAFC reopened. I was told that the indoor pool would reopen in January but they never said what day. If you call on the phone they will say that the place is closed and the website says that the fitness wing has reopened but the pool remains closed.

I moved to Greenbelt in September 2016 and I thought I would never have to leave Greenbelt to swim laps and until the pandemic hit that was correct. I have been traveling on Metro Access to go back to the pools I used to go to before I moved to Greenbelt at various times since the pandemic began.

Other cities and counties in this area have reopened their indoor pools. My sister lives in Montgomery County, and she has no trouble getting to an open indoor pool.

I want the City of Greenbelt to have 2-hour periods at the pool instead of 45 minutes like the M-NCPPC indoor pools in Prince George’s County have. Monday-Friday, 6-8 a.m., 9-11 a.m., noon-2 p.m., 3-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.; Saturday, 9-11 a.m., noon-2 p.m., 3-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.; and Sunday 10 a.m.- noon, 1-3 p.m. and 4-6 p.m.

Swimming is a fun and relaxing exercise. Lots of people need the pool for exercise. Swimming pools are a necessity and not a luxury.

Russell Dick

Current Realities Of GATe

The recent GATe Annual Membership Meeting was a disaster. So much so that the meeting was immediately recessed and rescheduled for April 18. With almost 100 members in the meeting, many of them new, the lack of professionalism and organization is a true deterrent to anyone wanting to be involved with this organization. At least one new member stated as much in the brief meeting. It was evident that some of the current leadership have no understanding of how to run a Zoom meeting or what is required to ensure that accurate meeting information is sent to the membership.

At the fall membership meeting there were concerns about expenditure of funds and changes to the bylaws to enable compensation to board members and their families. The explanation to those concerns was that the board

had not looked at the bylaws for many years and were unfamiliar with issues regarding board members compensation. According to the current bylaws, neither board members nor immediate family members may receive compensation for any service. Perhaps it is time for a subcommittee to examine, revise and update the bylaws to address new organizational realities.

GATe is, for Greenbelt, a large and long-standing community organization that receives public funding. It should be run in a professional and well-organized manner and be more accountable to its members and the public. At this time, GATe is not able to serve our community well. As members of GATe, we call for a change in leadership. We, as members, challenge the board of directors to reorganize itself so that it can move the organization forward, meet the mission and vision of GATe and better serve our community.

Carol Shaw, CFRE
and Dr. Lois Rosado

Trees and Birds And Cicadas

I have to wonder why gardeners are calling for tree cutting in the birth year of 17-year cicadas.

Trees are habitats for insect-eating birds and their nestlings. A 2020 paper by Pere Pons lists some of the 105 species of birds known to eat cicadas (Results section); they include starlings, sparrows and owls.

Neonicotinoid insecticides may be effective against sucking insects but that’s not how cicadas damage plants. Also, neonicotinoids are illegal for sale or use in Maryland; they kill bees.

On their website, Orkin recommends against pesticides. They say remove them by hand or with a water hose. There’s no water laid on at the gardens next to the Forest Preserve. Letting the birds do it will save gardeners lots of time, not least because cicadas travel. Getting rid of the cicadas you see will not keep your plants cicada-free; the constant calorie needs of birds and their nestlings is a better solution.

Birds are nesting now; cutting trees now means the nestlings developing now will not survive to reproduce. The territory

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B. Glee

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Community Events

HUG WALK Postponed

In the spirit of the HUG WALK (Help Unite Greenbelt With A Little Kindness) seeking a healthy community, RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness) has decided to postpone the HUG WALK that was to be held on Sunday, March 28, as the community navigates these troubled waters. The hope is that the Walk will happen in October 2021.

Wash hands...Hydrate ... Practice social distancing ...VACCINATE ... Take care of each other.

Any group that wishes to co-sponsor any future event should contact RUAK at spreadsheet@gmail.com or Robert Goldberg-Strassler at 301-345-8755.

GATe Membership Meeting Rescheduled

The annual Greenbelt Access Television (GATe) meeting started on March 21 at 3 p.m., but immediately ran into problems.

The Zoom link somehow changed its passcode for callers to log into the meeting; meeting planners had no idea how that happened.

Those on computer did not have that problem, so over 100 people showed up on screen.

Simultaneously so did the phone calls and texts from dozens of people trying to join the meeting.

The adage “technology is great, when it works,” applies here. Because it did not, organizers were forced to recess the meeting. It will be held in one month’s time, on Sunday, April 18, at 3 p.m. Notices will appear as before, but hopefully the surprise glitches won’t.

However, it was great to see all the interest in the TV station. GATe’s typical annual meetings normally have fewer than 30 attendees. Hopefully these new members will want to participate, view the programming and consider creating some productions themselves. GATe exists to both educate and to involve Greenbelt residents in telling stories of interest to the community.

Bike Repair Webinar

The GHI Bicycle Committee, in association with the Washington Area Bicyclists Association (WABA), will host a Get Your Bike Ready for Spring Riding webinar on Saturday, March 27, from 2 to 4 p.m. for GHI residents and members of the local community.

Spring is nearly here and bikes may need a little TLC after a cold and snowy winter. In this webinar, led by WABA technicians Sydney Soletto and Trey Robinson, viewers will learn how to look over their bike to check for issues and adjustments, how to fix a flat tire and some important safety tips for riding on streets, trails and bike lanes. At the end of the presentation, WABA staff will be hosting an extended Q&A session, so be sure to bring plenty of questions. There is no charge.

The link to join the webinar will be posted on the Unofficial GHI Facebook page and in the Monday, March 22 GHI E-newsletter. For more information, or to receive the link directly, contact John Campanile, jbelltower@yahoo.com.

One Community

Greenbelt residents are invited to join monthly meetings to build understanding of each other, to encourage inclusivity, cultivate relationships and determine the actions necessary to ensure that city resources and services are equitably distributed. A lively community conversation is a way to enhance quality of life through connections and relationships and to create a city that serves all its residents. Connecting Across Greenbelt (CAG) is a multi-cultural, multi-racial and multi-generational group of residents that is building multiple resources, including a set of research-tested coping strategies for self-care and stress management called the Caring and Connecting Toolkit. Go to <https://bit.ly/CAGtoolkit> for more information.

To find out about the group’s monthly meetings and to help plan an April outside activity, email communityconnections gb@gmail.com.

GAC Auditions Radio Plays

Greenbelt Arts Center will hold auditions over Zoom by appointment on Wednesday, March 31 for April’s old-time radio plays. Audition slots can be arranged by signing up before Saturday, March 27 through a link on the website greenbeltartscenter.org/auditions.

In April the series will feature The Black Ace – Skyward. There will be virtual rehearsals and the final video will be posted on the website late in April.

Although the actors will appear in the video, these are radio plays and casting will be done based on vocal sound and not age or appearance All roles are open and everyone is encouraged to audition; this is a great opportunity for beginners who would like to try acting. Participation is entirely virtual. More information and the recordings of previous radio plays are available at the website.

Astronomical Society Offers World Visit

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will be meeting virtually on Thursday, March 25. Anwar Al-Mallah, vice president of ASG, will conduct a virtual worldwide aerial tour of meteor craters, observatories and perhaps more, including the observatories on the Atacama Desert plateau in Chile and those in many other places as well. Al-Mallah has mastered a computer flight simulator to take him instantly to any place on Earth and show the site sights from on high. Cloudless skies guaranteed! A Zoom link to the meeting will be posted on the Astronomical Society’s website, greenbeltastro.org, before the meeting.

Listening Skills For Relationships

The Prince George’s Community Collaborative Resolution Center (PGCCRC) announces a virtual learning series designed to help improve relationships with the individuals who matter the most, whether family, neighbors or work colleagues. The PGCCRC is Greenbelt’s local mediation center and has partnered with the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy to help fulfill one of the city’s goals of building a community that embraces diversity and fosters relationships across cultural and ethnic lines.

Collaborative Listening for Relationship Building, a four-part series, begins April 10. The goal is to help families and individuals in Greenbelt and the surrounding area develop tools to better communicate in ways that strengthen their relationships, even when conversations are hard. The free series will take place virtually on four consecutive Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon, as follows: April 10, Listening When It’s Hard; April 17, Speaking When Emotions Are High; April 24, Asking Questions That Encourage Understanding; May 1, Brainstorming for Agreements and Resolutions.

All sessions can be accessed through Eventbrite: eventbrite.com and type in “collaborative listening.” For more information, contact the PGCCRC at pgresolutioncenter@gmail.com.

Lions Club Offers College Scholarships

The Greenbelt Lions Club announces the return of the Stan Hoke Memorial Scholarship Program. For many years, the Lions Club provided scholarships to college-bound Greenbelt residents. This year, the Club is awarding two \$1,000 scholarships.

To qualify, applicants must meet the following criteria: (1) be a resident of Greenbelt; (2) be a high school senior graduating from a high school located in Prince George’s County; and, (3) matriculating to a community college or a four-year university.

The awards are based on the applicant’s response to the following two questions: Question 1: Why do you think you deserve this scholarship? Question 2: If you could change one thing in Greenbelt, what would it be and why? Further, how would you implement the proposed change?

Those wishing to apply should request the official application form by sending an email to greenbeltlions@gmail.com. The completed application must be returned to the same email address no later than midnight on Friday, April 16, to be considered for this year’s scholarship.

Scholarship recipients will be notified on or before May 31.

Register for Youth Baseball Little League

The 2021 Spring registration is now open for Greenbelt Youth Baseball Little League. Programs are available for players 6 to 13 years old. Go to gyblittleleague.org for more information and to register. Contact greenbeltyouthbaseball@gmail.com with questions.

Spring Movie Making, Mandalas and More

Greenbelt Recreation Arts offers a variety of afternoon art classes for children. Classes run from 4 to 5 p.m. most weekday afternoons. Classes this session are Children’s Ceramics, Movie Making: Myths and Legends, Polymer Clay, Draw Like Your Favorite Illustrators and Mandala Pendants. For more information go to greenbeltmd.gov/recreation and click on Spring Classes or email alarsen@greenbeltmd.gov.

Simple Steps To Stop the Maglev

Are you wanting to take steps against the maglev but don’t know what to do and don’t have much time? Join our Simple Steps to Stop the Maglev! Simple Steps, which can be accomplished in 10 minutes or less (most of the time), are sent three to five days per week and it is optional to follow them. Anyone wanting to join can contact Susan at suzanbwild@gmail.com.

Spaghetti Dinner

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church will host its Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, March 27 from 4 to 6 p.m. The dinner will include garlic bread, salad, spaghetti with meat or vegetarian sauce and a dessert. Come out and support Mowatt at 40 Ridge Road. Reservations were requested to be received by Monday, March 22. Pick up your dinner at the Ridge Road entrance. A donation is suggested.

How Food Impacts The Environment

On Sunday, March 28 at 7 p.m. two Green Teams will present an Environmental Zoom about how food choices impact the environment. The discussion will focus on what we eat, how we purchase it, and what is best to do with the food we don’t eat.

Dr. Luisa Robles, the City of Greenbelt sustainability coordinator; John Lippert, the city Green Team chair; and Jane Young, co-chair of the Greenbelt Community Church Green Team, will lead the discussion, which will also explore actions that can be taken to lessen adverse human impacts on the environment. Questions and discussion are welcome and encouraged.

This Environmental Zoom series is sponsored by the Green Teams of Greenbelt Community Church, UCC and the City of Greenbelt.

RSVP to Jane Young at gccjane@aol.com for Zoom information. Give your username as it will appear in Zoom, or your phone number if you will be calling in.

Birds of Hope Family Art Workshop

Artist-in-Residence Rachel Cross will lead Birds of Hope, an art workshop for all ages, on Fridays, April 9 and 16, from 6 to 7 p.m. Participants will create mixed media sculptures of painted buntings. For more information go to greenbeltmd.gov/recreation and click on spring classes or email alarsen@greenbeltmd.gov.

Fire Department Easter Egg Hunt

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department will hold an Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt on Saturday and Sunday, March 27 and 28. Photos with the Easter Bunny will be available. Visit Engine35.com or [facebook.com/engine35](https://www.facebook.com/engine35) for more information.



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8 am	Democracy Now!	• Repeat of Yesterday's Program
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11 am	Greenbelt Newsreel	• Women's History Month Programming
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Obituaries

Eileen Farnham



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Eileen Farnham

Eileen Scott Adkins Farnham, 79, died on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, following a brief, but arduous, battle with pancreatic cancer.

She was born on August 12, 1941, and grew up in Virginia, attending the Blue Ridge School. She moved as a teen to Washington, D.C., where she married and had one child, Cydney Ellen.

Ms. Farnham moved to Prince George’s County when she began working in the consumer protection agency of Prince George’s County, rising to the position of chief investigator, working fervently for the protection of the public and putting in 60-hour workweeks regularly.

At age 50 she bought her home in the 49 Court of Ridge Road in Greenbelt.

In 1994 she began a long association with the Greenbelt News Review, working closely with the editor to implement major changes in the News Review production, moving from typewriters and hand-set type to the digital operation of today. In 1998 she was elected to the board of directors, serving as secretary and vice president, and then as president of the board from 2004-2014. She oversaw

many efforts at reorganizing how the paper functioned, particularly with the use of email as the major source of stories. Ms. Farnham took leave in 2014 to attend to a number of health issues, which in the end prevented her return to the paper.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church held a very significant place in her life. She served in a variety of different ministries, committees or programs – always a good faithful worker wherever she saw the need.

Ms. Farnham was never without something to do to enliven the world for others. Through the county library system she read aloud on Saturdays to patients in nursing homes for many years – often making friends with patients and their families.

An amazing woman, Ms. Farnham had the best vocabulary of anyone we knew. We all learned to use the dictionary.

At home Ms. Farnham spent much time on the internet. She enjoyed winning contest prizes and looking for suspicious activity which her consumer protection days had taught her to report.

Cats had long been her housemates, most recently Bandit and Midnight and then just Midnight. As he aged and grew frail, she

bought a step stool to help him climb on to her bed. She kept a heating pad there for him.

Ms. Farnham is survived by her daughter Cydney Ellen (Robert D. Leech) of Stafford, Va.; grandson Johnathan Scott Viruet (Tiffany); and three great-grandchildren. Eileen was the eldest of seven sisters, the glue that held the others together. She was predeceased by Alice Biehl and Jacque Anderson and is survived by Greer Beahm, Patricia Fletcher, Elizabeth Quitko Delahanty and Rosalie Bridwell Noble.

Even beyond life, her thoughts were of others, donating her body to Anatomy Gifts Registry.

A memorial service will be held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Thursday, April 8 at 2 p.m., officiated by Pastor Stephen Mentz. There will be space for some in-person attendance in the church, but where possible, attendance should be through YouTube. Plans include a later scattering of ashes.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to a church of one’s choosing or a favorite charity.

- Cydney Ellen Leech

See OBITUARIES, page 5



Our sympathy to the family and friends of longtime Greenbelt resident Mary Barcus Smith, who died on March 18.

Condolences also to the family, friends and old neighbors of Bert Shanahan Kennedy, who died on March 15.

Share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.

St. John’s Episcopal Church

Please join us for Easter Celebration Week, all services can be viewed via Facebook and YouTube

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<https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsZionParish/live>

To watch via YouTube
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Mundy Thursday, April 1
7:00 p.m.
Holy Eucharist

Good Friday, April 2
12:00 Noon
Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m.
The Passion and Crucifixion

Holy Saturday and Easter Vigil, April 3
Joint Service with Epiphany Episcopal Church, Forestville, MD
7:00 p.m.
Holy Eucharist

Easter Day Celebration, April 4
10:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist
via Facebook and YouTube

“It behooveth man to adhere tenaciously unto that which will promote fellowship, kindness and unity.” – Bahá’u’lláh

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Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

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The Bible Says...

Lent-Week #6

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March 28 10 a.m.

"Human Kindness Overflowing"

Rev. Lynn Strauss, Minister; with Worship Associate Polly Pettit

Rev. Lynn Strauss will offer stories of human kindness: that fundamental human attribute that survives, storms, grief, fear, and broken-heartedness. Even in times of pandemic, social isolation and layers of loss, human kindness flows alongside the challenges of living and dying. Where have you seen or experienced the blessing of kindness in these difficult days? Let us welcome every possibility for kindness. Let us trust that it is always there waiting.

Palm Sunday
March 27, 5pm Vigil Mass
(Live Streamed on FB)

March 28: 8, 9:30, and 11am
Sunday Masses

Holy Thursday
Mass of the Lord's Supper
April 1, 7:30pm
(Live Streamed on FB)

Good Friday
April 2
2pm: Traditional
Stations of the Cross
7:30pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
(Live Streamed on FB)

Easter Sunday
April 3, 8pm,
The Vigil of Easter
(Live Streamed on FB)

April 4: 8, 9:30, and 11am
Sunday Masses

Saint Hugh Catholic Church
135 Crescent Rd.

Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum

Masks and social distancing required
125 capacity

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Alverta Kennedy

Alverta (“Bert”) Shanahan Kennedy was born June 16, 1925, in Brentwood, Md. She was one of eight daughters of Otilie and Elmer Norris. She was the last sister to die at the incredible age of 95 on March 15, 2021.

As a very young girl, Bert had an incredible spirit and love of life. She left home and began her adventures traveling the U.S., visiting as many places and people as she could, which landed her in Chicago, where she met and married Lawrence (“Larry”) Shanahan.

She was united in holy matrimony to Larry Shanahan on May 9, 1945. Bert and Larry moved from Chicago to Greenbelt in 1955, were married for 51 years and together raised their three children: Jimmy, Margie and Pat. Larry preceded her in death in 1996, as well as their son, Jimmy, in 2014.

Bert loved to cook and entertain, hosting countless family functions for many years. July 4th BBQs and Thanksgiving dinners were long-standing favorites. Although she loved spending time in the kitchen, many years were spent serving others at the original Ledo’s Pizza restaurant in Adelphi and the Fireside Restaurant in Berwyn Heights, where she impacted countless customers and friends, including her surviving husband, Ken Kennedy.

Ken and Bert married in April 2000 and lived together in Greenbelt for many years before moving to Riderwood Village in 2006, where Ken continues to reside.

Family and friends would agree that Bert was nothing short of an “angel on earth,” serving and helping others whenever possible and would be considered by many as the most caring, thoughtful and generous soul. There was no task too great for Bert to take on if it meant helping someone else.

Her beautiful life will forever be cherished in the lives of her surviving husband, Ken Kennedy; daughter and son-in law, Margie and George Folk of Davidsonville, Md.; son and daughter-in-law Pat and Debi Shanahan of Lanham; 10 grandchildren: Donna Vaughan, James Shanahan, Debbie Lombel, Andrea Shanahan, Ryan Shanahan, Christie Shanahan, Christopher Shanahan, Jackie Shanahan, Holly Shanahan and Kelly Shanahan; and great-grandchildren Alexia, Kayleigh, Taliya, Addisyn, Jazmyn, Josiah, Jacob, David, Nicole, Megan, Andrew, Johnathon and Kate; as well as a host of devoted nieces, nephews and friends.

A gathering and memorial service were held Friday, March 19, at Gasch’s Funeral Home in Hyattsville. Donations can be made to a favorite charity in Bert’s name.

Mary Barcus Smith

Mary Barcus Smith, of Annapolis, died on March 18, 2021, with her husband, Tracy, and daughter, Lisa, by her side. Mary battled cancer for five years and fought it with the strength of a warrior and the faith of a saint. Born in Cheverly to the late Walsh and Evelyn Barcus, Mary grew up and lived in Greenbelt for many years before moving to Anne Arundel County.

She loved to teach children to read and she absolutely loved to bake. Mary especially cherished the precious time with her grandchildren. Mary’s faith in God and strength were immeasurable. She will always be remembered for the care she took of others. She was the ultimate mother, caring for everyone she knew.

Mary is survived by her husband of 49 years, Tracy Smith; her daughter, Lisa Koennel; her grandchildren, Christopher and Caitlin Koennel; her siblings, Anne (James) Curran, Walsh

and Michael (Mimi) Barcus; her sisters-in-law, Chris Smith and Rita Barcus; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother Carroll Barcus and sister-in-law Sally Barcus.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate Mary’s life on Thursday, March 25, from 3 to 5:30 p.m. at the Kalas Funeral Home & Crematory, 2973 Solomons Island Road, Edgewater, Md. Mass of Christian Burial will be offered on Friday, March 26 at 9 a.m. at St. John Neumann

Catholic Church, 620 N. Bestgate Road, Annapolis. Interment will be at St. Peter’s Catholic Church Cemetery in Queenstown, Md. Condolences may be made online at [KalasFuneralHomes.com](https://www.kalasfuneralhomes.com).



GCC Agape Services

Greenbelt Community Church continues their Lenten Agape sessions. The Board of Worship will lead attendees in a time of reflection, followed by an opportunity for personal sharing and support, ending in prayer. Next week there is no Wednesday service. Instead, a special Maundy Thursday service is offered on April 1 at 7 p.m. Easter Sunday’s celebration on April 4 begins at 10:15 a.m. Those who are not members of the church are invited to join any of these services on Facebook “live” at [greenbeltucc](https://www.facebook.com/greenbeltucc).



City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR MARCH 29-APRIL 2

Monday, March 29 at 8:00pm, **CLOSED SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL** (see notice below)

Tuesday, March 30 at 3:30pm, **SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE** On the Agenda: Recruiting new members, Recognition Groups- Grant Workshop representative, Committee Positions, Not For Seniors Only topic (event will be over Zoom), and GAIL updates

Wednesday, March 31 at 8:00pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION- Planning/Economic Development** Virtual meeting will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000. For information on public participation for the virtual meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at www.greenbeltmd.gov.

SPECIAL MEETING - CLOSED SESSION

City Council Virtual Meeting will be held online

Monday, March 29, 2021 at 8:00 PM

OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(7) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, a closed session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Monday, March 29, 2021, at 8:00 pm, in the Library of the Municipal Building: 1) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter regarding the Maglev DEIS Review.

**The public may attend the Special Meeting of the City Council immediately prior to the closed session and observe the vote of Council to move into closed session with the dial-in information provided below.*

Resident Dial-in for observation:
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Bonita Anderson, City Clerk

WEED WARRIORS:



Invasive Plant Pull

Saturday, March 27th
10:00am-1:00pm
Buddy Attick Park, 555 Crescent Road

Be a part of the community effort to remove invasive plant species from the environment at Buddy Attick Park. Volunteers will work with Public Works staff to remove invasive vines from native trees and to pull other invasive plant species. Masks will be required at all times.

Reminders:


- Bring a reusable water bottle
- Wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes
- Students: bring community-service forms
- Volunteers must register in order to participate
- Limited to 25 volunteers

To Register: Contact
Environmental Coordinator Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll at kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov

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March 29 Schrom Hills Park
March 30 Braden Field
March 31 Springhill Lake Recreation Center

HOPPING AROUND TOWN

Times available at 3pm | 4:30pm | 6pm

Greenbelt Recreation is Hopping Around Town with our Bunny friend to celebrate the spring season. In addition to a fun spring craft, participants will be given a flower pot to decorate and seeds to plant. Activities will conclude with a Bunny photo and a special treat for all youth participants.

Masks are required. Visit <https://bit.ly/3cyjOWn> to register. Pre-registration is required and limited to Greenbelt Residents. Questions? Contact aphelan@greenbeltmd.gov.



MOONLIT MOVIES

Braden Field
Behind the Youth Center
Fridays, April 2 - May 28

Outdoor movies have been a tradition in Greenbelt since 2014, and this year they will be a safe, fun way to get back to the movies! Greenbelt Recreation and Old Greenbelt Theatre will feature family fun films. This is a partnership of the City of Greenbelt and Old Greenbelt Theatre.

Tickets will be sold through Old Greenbelt Theatre. Purchase a circle for up to 5 household members at \$25 per circle. Event max participation is limited to 100 guests.

Visit <https://greenbelttheatre.org/> for more info.



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Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on:

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- Board of Elections
- Employee Relations Board
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee

For more information call 301- 474-8000

Revised Preliminary Site Concept Presented for 7010 Greenbelt Rd.

by Matthew Arbach

On Wednesday, March 17, representatives of Armory LLC, the property owners of 7010 Greenbelt Road, presented a preliminary site concept to council, concerning their development plans for this 4.5-acre vacant site. This iteration is largely a response to concerns and feedback from Greenbelt City Council and staff to the plan presented at Armory’s last meeting with council on December 17, 2020.

This current plan consists of 90 for-sale, age-restricted (ages 55 and up) units, arrayed within three four-story and one three-story buildings; 121 surface parking spaces (eight accessible, 113 standard and four EV charging stations); as well as a Zen garden, pavilion, community garden and a low impact exercise and pickleball court.

The development comes into conflict with three requirements of the R-18 Zoning area, in which this property lies, concerning land-use, unit density and lot/green space coverage. The applicant is requesting that the city assist them in amending these requirements in order to proceed with their plan.

Regarding the first land-use requirement, the property complies with the Maryland Condominium Act, which stipulates that each dwelling be a single unit or part of a housing cooperative. Yet, it fails to meet the 90 percent structured parking requirements, as the development plan only includes surface parking. Staff have advised city support for this if the units are available as both age-restricted and affordable.

Regarding the unit density, zoning requires 20 units per acre if buildings are at least 36 feet (four stories), with an elevator and 12 units for buildings less than 36 feet (three stories). This plan calls for six units per story. Therefore, to accommodate the proposed 90 units, the applicant is asking for “legislation that would change the density to 20 units per acre regardless of building height,” according to City Planner Molly Porter. Staff was amenable to this, as “it is consistent with the City’s covenant and proposed new zoning (RMF-20).”

The third request relates the zoning requirement of 40 percent lot coverage and 60 percent green space in a multifamily housing property. This plan calls for 41.4 percent lot coverage and 58.6 percent green space. The developers are asking that these percentages be adjusted for the site. Staff was not in favor of changes to green space and preferred that any request for a variance be addressed when the development enters the later Detailed Site Plan (DSP) stage.

The Advisory Planning Board (APB) reviewed this plan on February 17 and voted 6-0 to approve staff recommendations. APB also had concerns over traffic (specifically the potential for car crashes in and out of the property and from left turns onto Greenbelt Road), parking lot accommodation for busing and noise mitigation from Greenbelt Road.

The plan calls for complete wood construction, a point that was a major spark of discussion. Councilmember Rodney Rob-

erts expressed that while he was not against the use of wood for smaller structures, larger structures made of wood have a propensity to catastrophic fire, even with sprinkler systems. He felt that more durable building materials, like masonry, would result in a more lasting and sound construction, more in keeping with the level of workmanship that Greenbelt deserves – a point echoed by Councilmember Edward Putens. Roberts also noted the significant rise in price for wood currently. Roberts was critical of what he saw as a “cookie cutter” approach, seeing the developer as changing the rules to accommodate their vision and employing a “clear cut” method that would decimate the existing flora.

Director of Planning and Community Development Terri Hruby said that in the DSP stage, an assessment could be done to save any mature trees.

Council and staff continue to be in favor of interior meeting space, which the plan still does not include. According to staff, the outside gazebo proposed would not be effective year-round.

The developers have employed NVR Inc. to design the project and were confident of its attractiveness and safety.

Council was concerned about the traffic issue, despite a traffic study that indicated no significant impact. The developers stated that a noise study would be done at a later stage to address adverse decibel levels.

Affordability was of crucial importance to council and the applicant. Councilmember Emmett Jordan was eager that affordable housing be available alongside senior living, which was deemed problematic financially by the owners. Councilmember Judith Davis asked if one-bedroom units had been considered to increase affordability, as the units proposed are either two or three bedrooms. Development team member Jess McMahon replied that a market study indicated very little interest in one-bedroom units.

McMahon said that it was probable that Greenbelt residents could be given the first opportunity in purchasing the units.

Development team member Tom Haller said that after a successful review and building permit process was completed, construction could begin next spring or summer.

Hruby stated that the next step would be continued meetings with the developers and scheduling the voting on the developer’s requests concerning land-use and unit density, perhaps at the April meeting.

Virtual High School

ERHS Knitting Club Offers Crafting Fun with a Purpose

by Saira Rashid

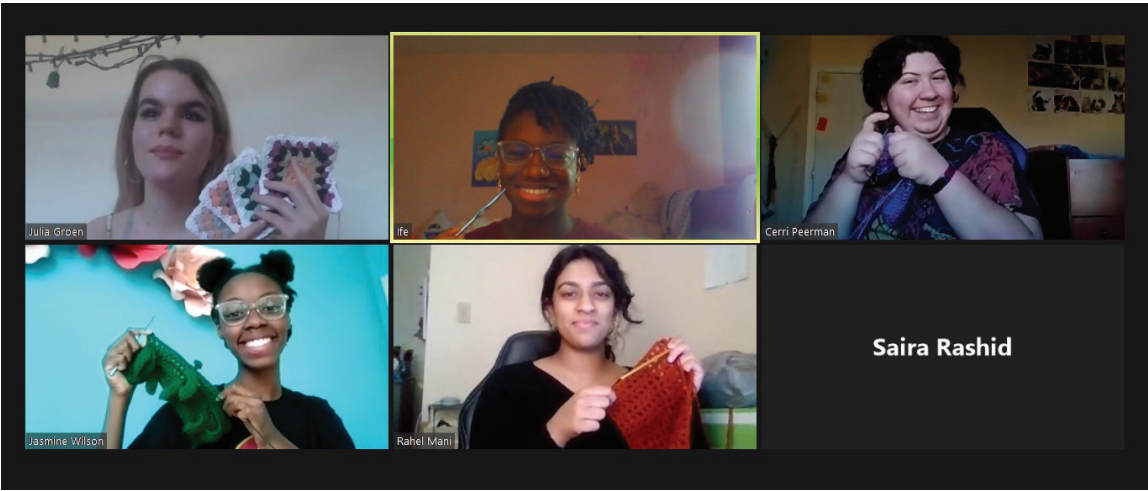


PHOTO BY SAIRA RASHID

The Knitting and Crochet Club meets virtually at ERHS on March 22.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) is known for its wide variety of clubs and extra-curricular activities, one of which is the knitting/crochet club. Meeting once a week on Mondays through Zoom, the club brings together anyone who would like to learn the art of knitting or build their skills in the craft. The club encourages everyone, accepting beginner, intermediate and advanced students. It is run by President Julia Groen with Co-presidents Ife John-Idiagbonya and Vanessa Lewis.

One overarching goal of this club is making projects, such as scarves, blankets and hats for donation purposes. “It’s a more casual club,” mentioned Groen. “We teach everyone who wants to learn and do projects to help the community.” Last December, each member of the club crocheted or knitted a red scarf for the Red Scarf Project, which is part of a foster care success organization. In previous years, the club has also made “blankets for shelter pets and scarves for victims of domestic abuse,” noted Groen. After donating the finished project, students can earn community service hours.

Members of the club appreciate the effort that the president and co-presidents put into running meetings and ensuring the club is successful. Jasmine Wilson, a junior at ERHS, believes that “Julia and the co-presidents

are very willing to teach and help others” during meetings. Wilson commented that “they take the time to help you with whatever you are doing.” Overall, the president and co-presidents create an inviting environment that promotes learning of the craft and creates a community that reflects students’ enthusiasm to help others.

With the onset of Covid-19, switching to an online setting for the 2020-2021 school year was inevitable. Despite difficulties that virtual meetings bring, the

club is still able to thrive. “It’s a lot easier to teach and create together in-person, but we’ve still had some great participation,” says Groen. The club also had issues collecting finished projects for donation, but members were easily able to mail or drop-off their scarves directly to the organization.

Saira Rashid is a senior at ERHS and staff writer for the high school’s newspaper, the Raider Review. This article originally ran in the Raider Review on February 25, 2021.



PRELIMINARY AGENDA GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS Thursday, April 1, 2021

- A. **GHI Special Open Session – starts at 7:00 p.m. (open to members and visitors)**
 - Approve Motion to Hold an Executive Session Meeting on April 1, 2021
- B. **GHI Executive Session – starts after the GHI Special Open Session meeting adjourns (closed to members and visitors)**
 - Approve Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting held on March 4, 2021
 - Request by a Non-Member for Permission to Reside in a GHI Unit
 - Contract for 2021 Spring and Fall Gutter Cleaning – 1st reading
 - Contract for Replacement of Roofs for Frame Homes and Additions – 1st reading
 - Member Complaint Matters
- C. **GDC Open Session Meeting starts at 7:45 p.m. (open to members and visitors)**
 - Approve Minutes of the Open Session Meeting Held on January 7, 2021
 - Finance Committee’s Recommendation re: Interest from a Buyer in Purchasing the Parkway Apartment Holdings
- D. **GHI Regular Open Session – starts after the GDC Open Session meeting adjourns (open to members and visitors)**
 - Announcement of a Complaint Hearing held in a Closed Meeting on March 15, 2021
 - Announcement of Executive Session Meeting held on March 18, 2021
 - Announcement of Executive Session Meeting held on April 1, 2021
 - Approve Minutes of the Special Open Session Meeting held on March 4, 2021
 - Approve Minutes of the Regular Open Session Meeting held on March 4, 2021
 - Proposal to Seek a Grant for Erection of a Shared Compost System
 - Proposal to Preserve an Existing Bird Hostel and Habitat in GHI
 - Permit Request to Replace Awning Style Windows in Gardenside Addition at 6-F Ridge Rd with Double hung Windows
 - Permit Request to Replace Serviceside Garden Style Window In Kind at 58-C Ridge Rd
 - Permit Request to Enclose the Gardenside Yard at 58-L Crescent Rd with a Chain link Fence and a Gate Installed Across a Shared Sidewalk
 - Establish a Task Force to Recommend Measures to Mitigate GHI’s Liability Associated with Play Equipment Members Wish to Install
 - Consider Next Steps re: Replacement of a Common Area Stairway Between 2-F and 2-G Plateau Place
 - WSSC’s Proposal to Replace Sewer Main and Lateral Pipes in GHI

You may register in advance for this Zoom meeting on April 1, 2021 by accessing the following link:

<https://zoom.us/join/join?j00c01gqTl5HdGtKXV1TlCsRymJJ577JHv>

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Franklin Park Gives Chromebook Cases to Springhill Lake E.S.

As schools prepare to re-open with the hybrid learning model, Franklin Park expressed its delight in being able to assist Principal Trena Wilson and the students who attend Springhill Lake Elementary School (SHL) and their families. Franklin Park has donated Chromebook protective cases for returning students in the community. These cases will help minimize parent expenses by preventing damage to student Chromebooks issued by the county. The cost of replacement is \$200 per Chromebook.

Franklin Park believes Wilson continues to make great strides for the school in preparation for the rest of the school year, and pledges to continue its collaboration to ensure SHL staff and students are fully supported during the distance learning transition. Many Franklin Park students attend SHL and the Franklin Park management applauds Wilson for bringing about positive change for the students and families since she started in 2019.



Springhill Lake Elementary Principal Trena Wilson, left, and Franklin Park Director of Resident Services Denise Knight, stand beside Chromebook protective cases donated by Franklin Park.



Microaggressions: A Conversation

by Lois Rosado

On March 18, Connecting Across Greenbelt held a discussion about microaggressions that everyone has encountered or done during everyday activities. Participants came from Massachusetts, Michigan and Greenbelt. The goals for this conversation were to introduce the concept of microaggressions, provide tangible examples for spotting microaggressions, build an empathy discussion and share experiences on how microaggressions impacted lives, increase mutual respect and acceptance of the multiple social identities all possess, and develop ideas to challenge microaggressions done in one's presence.

The term microaggression was first coined by Dr. Chester Pierce, an American professor and Harvard psychiatrist in the 1970s as he witnessed and felt the constant slights heaped on African Americans in everyday life. Dr. Derald Sue of Columbia University expanded the concept through his research. He put together a video, which can be seen on YouTube, that reveals that microaggressions are unconscious manifestations of a world view of inclusion or exclusion, superiority or inferiority. Sue stated that there are five steps to help individuals combat microaggressions:

1. Learn from constant vigilance about one's own biases and fears.
2. Experience reality by interacting with different types of people, ethnicities and cultures. Observe and learn.
3. Don't be defensive.
4. Be open to discussing your own attitudes and biases and explore how they may have hurt others.
5. Be an ally and stand personally against all forms of bias and discrimination.

The following are excellent suggestions offered by participants during the conversation:

It is important to make a connection with someone before asking personal questions like, where do you live in Greenbelt? This is

often seen as a question with a hidden message: only those who live in certain parts of Greenbelt have importance and influence.

Pay attention to the context and speaking tone during personal interactions with others.

Be respectful of individuals with disabilities, unfamiliar accents or names. Learn to pronounce their name correctly.

Take responsibility to learn and to educate oneself about others instead of putting the onus on

the person receiving the microaggression.

One goal of Community Connections is to break down the physical barriers that impede communication around Greenbelt and to bring attention to the mental barriers and assumptions that often prevent positive interactions within our city. We hope that this event contributed to that goal. In April, we go outside to do more exploration of Greenbelt and its arts. Stay tuned!



After eagerly awaiting, Suzette Thompson receives her first Covid-19 shot.

Letters continued

adjustment (see <https://ornithology.com/ornithology-lectures/territoriality-of-birds/>) required by the loss of habitat will not happen until after those nestlings are already dead; the birds who lose out will lose an entire breeding season.

So in the very year when gardens need birds most, will birds be driven away from the gardens by loss of habitat?

Patricia Heil

Cars Hindering Food Co-op Foot Traffic

A city-owned street passes perpendicular to the base of the Food Co-op ramp. Parallel to that is a strip of painted parking spaces. Next comes a strip of grass, concrete and trees. Next comes the main parking lot.

Decades ago, thoughtful planners installed two "walk-thru's" whereby persons could easily walk from the parking lot to the store.

Later, less-informed workers installed white lines delineating parking spaces along this strip.

Trouble is that these lines, while they add a total of one parking space, are drawn such that drivers are misled into blocking the walk-thru's when they park.

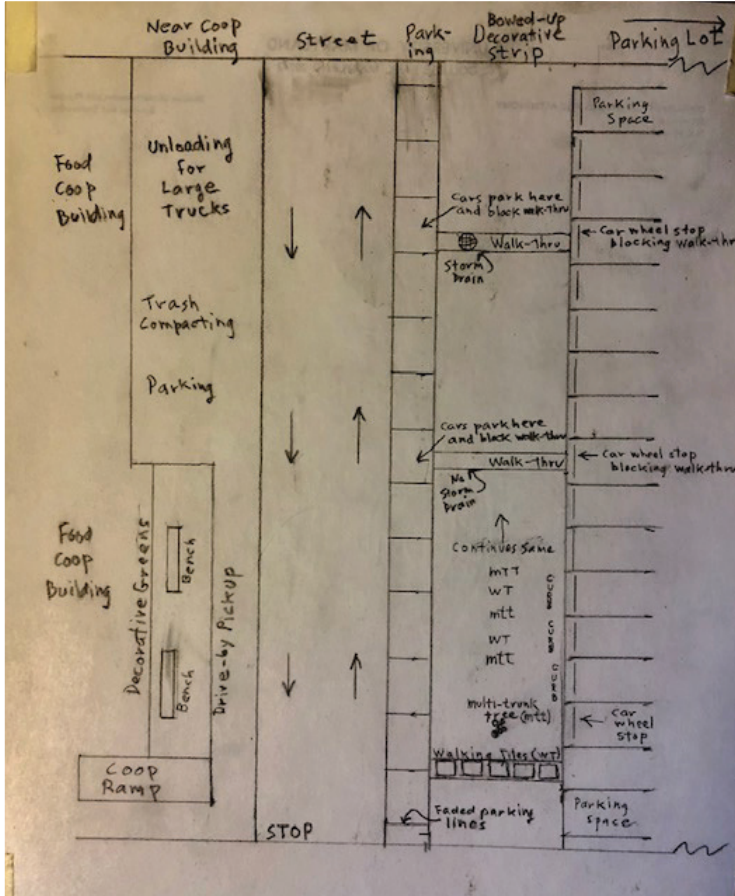
Who are inconvenienced or endangered?

1. Persons with grocery carts, bags of groceries, children, infants or dog(s).
2. Persons using canes, crutches, walkers, wheelchairs, or who are not steady on their feet. Or someone being pushed in a wheelchair.
3. Product- or otherwise-burdened persons walking over icy curbs.
4. Persons worried about walking too close to occupied cars.
5. Persons unhappy about inconvenient returning of grocery carts.

I believe that our Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy would be more attractive to shoppers if this problem were solved, and that this would lead to an increase in patronage for all businesses at Town Center.

Thanks.

Bill Norwood



A sketch by Bill Norwood shows the parking and walking areas near the Co-op.

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Police Blotter

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Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Homicide
March 13, 2:02 p.m., 5803 Cherrywood Terrace. Officers responded to a report of a possible cutting in a residence and found a man suffering from several apparent gunshot wounds. He was pronounced dead on the scene and was later identified as Ralph Jerome Logan, age 34, of Greenbelt. There is no suspect information at this time. The investigation is ongoing.

PCP
March 16, 5:45 p.m. 6000 Greenbelt Road. A 34-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, identity fraud and possession of phencyclidine by officers who responded to a report of a disorderly man at Auto Zone. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Robbery
March 13, 4:10 p.m., 6112 Breezewood Court. Three youths approached a woman and one of them punched her and knocked her to the ground. Then all three punched her several times and one took her cell phone. Charges are pending against two of them.

Fraud
March 12, 3:10 p.m., 73 Court Ridge Road. A man phoned a woman to tell her someone had fraudulently charged her bank account for a cell phone. He then convinced her to send him money by purchasing two gift cards and give him the card information. She did this, which enabled him to take the funds.

March 15, 12:18 a.m., 13 Court Hillside. A man contacted a woman by phone about two days ago and claimed there were open warrants against her and that she had to pay to rescind them. He told her to buy a gift card and give the card information to him over the phone, which she did. Later she discovered that she had been defrauded.

Theft
March 12, 12:39 p.m., 6101 Breezewood Court. A parcel was taken from the front stoop of a residence on February 24.

March 14, 4:32 p.m., 7706 Hanover Parkway. A parcel was

taken from the front stoop of a residence.

Burglary
March 13, 7423 Greenbelt Road. Pollo Cabana was forcibly entered and property was vandalized. It is not known if anything was taken.

Vehicle Crime
The 2015 Chrysler 200 reported stolen on March 7 from 7901 Mandan Road was recovered March 11 by the Prince George's County Police Department in the 6500 block of Beachwood Drive in Temple Hills.

Two vehicles left unlocked and with engines running were stolen. One is a 2007 Acura MDX with Maryland tags 12678CJ, taken from 9125 Springhill Lane when a youth got in it and drove away. The other is a 2008 Toyota RAV 4 from 6005 Cherrywood Court. A witness saw a man open the driver's door, get in and flee. The vehicle was recovered the next day by the Metropolitan Police Department on Pennsylvania Avenue near Minnesota Avenue in Washington, D.C. It had been involved in an accident.

Two other vehicles were stolen. A 2008 Toyota RAV 4 with Maryland tag 6CA7047 was taken from the 7200 block of South Ora Court on March 17 and a white 2004 Ford Econoline Van E250 with Maryland tags 4DY4063 was taken March 17 from 8013 Mandan Road.

Four tires and rims were taken from a vehicle at 7905 Mandan Road. Tools were taken after a window was broken out in 9120 Edmonston Road.

In the 7200 block South Ora Court, money was taken from an unlocked vehicle, and money and credit cards from another vehicle. Money was also taken from 7300 block Morrison Drive.

A window was broken out in the 9127 block Edmonston Terrace. Windows on two vehicles were broken out at 157 Westway and on three vehicles at 7716 Hanover Parkway. One of the vehicles on Westway was forcefully entered, which damaged the driver's door handle, and the driver's side airbag was removed.

MAD Goddard Scientists Present Sherlock Holmes

NASA's Music and Drama Club (MAD) will present a staged reading of the play Sherlock Holmes: A Drama in Four Acts by William Gillette and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, live online Saturday, March 27 starting at 8 p.m.

The play tells the story of an elaborate blackmailing scheme by James and Madge Larrabee, assisted by arch-criminal Professor Moriarty, and investigated by the detective Sherlock Holmes with his loyal companion Dr. Watson.

The play was first produced in 1899 with Gillette himself playing Holmes, a role that he repeated many times over the next 35 years. Gillette's use of a deerstalker cap and curved pipe in his depiction of Holmes have become enduring symbols of the character. In another important element of theatrical history, an early production featured a teen-aged Charlie Chaplin playing the pageboy Billy.

Director Jon Gardner said, "Doing an online staged reading of this classic play allows MAD to present an exciting and dramatic story to the audience while continuing to develop the talents of the actors. Everyone is having fun with this play and we hope to communicate that sense of fun to the audience."

The play can be viewed live via a link that will be posted at madtheater.org.



Eliot Malumuth plays the title character in the MAD staged reading of Sherlock Holmes.

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Cathy Barth plays Professor Moriarty, Sherlock Holmes' nemesis.



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Town Meeting
Later that Wednesday, the school board held a virtual town meeting to discuss the rationale for their decision with the interested parties. The key to the school board's rationale was that by moving the Montessori program to Meadowbrook, all the Hyattsville students could be relocated to a single school.

On March 18, however, the day after the protest, Goldson issued a letter thanking parents for their participation in the Town Hall meeting and announced that after reviewing the situation, the

school board would use Robert Goddard as an identified swing space site, keeping the Montessori program in place in the facility which would be shared with Hyattsville Middle school sixth graders and the Hyattsville Creative and Performing Arts students in seventh and eighth grades. The remaining seventh and eighth grade Hyattsville students will go to the Meadowbrook facility.

It is not known how Hyattsville parents feel about the decision.

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Local Sorority Chapter Wins Community Service Awards



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PEO sorority president Benita A. Swindell receives news of the award.

Psi Epsilon Omega Chapter (PEO), Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority received recognition at the 90th North Atlantic Regional Conference held virtually in Philadelphia from March 4 to 7. The chapter won first place Chapter of the Year for large chapters and the Virtual Programming & Chapter Ops awards.

“It is an honor to win these two very competitive awards that highlight our chapter’s community service in Laurel, Bowie and Greenbelt,” said Chapter President Benita A. Swindell. “Despite being [in] a pandemic and having to execute nearly all of our programs virtually, we continued to serve the community.”

The Chapter of the Year award recognizes the best of the best chapters in the region. The criteria included chapter operations, sisterly relations, visibility and external recognition, implementation of international and local

sorority programs, and chapter growth. The Virtual Programming & Chapter Ops award, presented for the first time this year, recognizes chapters for creatively and efficiently transitioning from traditional operations, programming and fundraising to a virtual environment.

“PEO did not miss a beat in 2020. All our chapter meetings, operations and fundraising were successfully executed virtually. Our chapter has grown by 12 percent in 2020 and executed numerous community service programs,” added Swindell. “I am very proud of the hard work of our members and our unwavering support to the communities we serve in Prince George’s County.”

Alpha Kappa Alpha is the oldest Greek-letter service organization established in America by women of color. It was organized at Howard University during the 1907 – 1908 academic year.

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Moran worked on and oversaw countless special projects including the Electricity Purchasing Co-operative, Biennial Election Questionnaire, Playground Agreement, Emergency Preparedness and Memorial Guidelines, creation of the GAIL program, Energy Performance Contracting and Peace Month Programs.

Moran also served as the liaison to the Community Relations Advisory Board and was the supervisor of the Greenbelt Museum staff.

He was born and raised in the City of Greenbelt, where his parents were also active in the community. Throughout his 22 years as assistant city manager, he carried out his duties with dedication, care and enthusiasm. He will be greatly missed by his colleagues, city council and the residents of the City of Greenbelt.

Thanks for your years of service, David! We appreciate all that you have done in the interest of making Greenbelt the best that it could be.

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said. “That’s not some sort of publicity stunt. It’s because we really wanted to be there to serve our community.”

The theater has managed to financially survive during the Covid-19 pandemic through support from its members and donors, the City of Greenbelt, county and state grants and federal funding, McGrath said.

Currently, the theater offers private theater rentals and movie night snacks through curbside pickup on Fridays, she said. The theater also partners with Greenbelt Recreation to show outdoor movies, which will resume in April.

When the theater reopens, McGrath said some top contenders for movies it may show are those that went straight to streaming or were Oscar nominated.

“We’re keen to reopen,” McGrath said. “We’re really looking forward to having people back in the theater. But we have been waiting a long time at this point and we want to make sure that we do it in the most thoughtful, measured way, taking into account the safety of patrons and staff.”

Brittany Gaddy is a journalism student at the University of Maryland writing for the News Review.



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Kyla Hanington and Daniel Hamlin step on the rocks by the Paint Branch trail near the metro.

of which she got in her car and drove away and I sat down and called Dan to come pick me up, even though it was only a further three blocks to get home. All I am saying is that if you go down the Research Road hill you also have to get up the Research Road hill, and the 6,657 steps I took with Sieglinde approximately equaled the total number of steps I had taken in all the preceding 365 days added together.

I went home and iced my knees and cried a lot but the next day I was at it again.

Greenbelt Lake

The 1.25-mile loop around Greenbelt Lake is a tried-and-true favorite for a reason. It’s not horrendously long and one can do several laps if looking for increased distance, there are herons and pileated woodpeckers and wood ducks and beavers and friendly people walking dogs, and sunrises there are lovely. When going counter-clockwise around the lake, after crossing the dam at the spillway, if you turn right instead of following the main path to the left, you can add some height to your walk by taking the long grassy hill up towards Charlestowne North apartments and cutting back into the Lake path from the road.

Schrom Hills Park

Schrom Hills Park, with playing fields, picnic tables and several different walking trails, provided a short half hour of exploration. I walked all the paths I could find, including one of newly laid woodchips that brought me to a construction site that looks hopeful: I imagine a future in which there is a walking trail beside a small pond, the water attracting mallards and hooded mergansers and buffleheads and American coots. For now there are deer in the woods there – calm, urban deer that didn’t startle as I passed them.

Paint Branch Trail

There’s a beautiful wooden boardwalk that overlooks a small pond behind Greenbelt Station; if you don’t live in that area, park on the back side of Beltway Plaza near the Shell Station, cross Cherrywood Lane at the crosswalk, and head down



A calming view from the boardwalk behind Greenbelt Station



Kyla Hanington

the pathway marked by a sign reading “Indian Creek.” This is also a great way to bike to Lake Artemesia and points beyond, but for walking purposes I stayed in the vicinity, walking up to Greenbelt Station and following a paved path to nowhere and back again. Even taking random

trails that appeared here and there along the walk did not take me anywhere in particular – I had made it my mission to find a shortcut to the Metro Station but to no avail. If there is one, I couldn’t find it, so please write in and tell me what I missed.

Call for Help Gets Pond Cleaned Up on Hanover

by Amy Hansen

Many mornings LaWann Stribling walks around the pond at Hanover Parkway and Ora Glen Drive near her home. But sometime in late February, the walk became less enjoyable. “I noticed there was so much trash,” she said.

There were shipping boxes and bags in and near the water. Plastics caught in the bushes and trees. The pond trail and the edges of the water needed to be cleaned. “But there was no way I could do it on my own,” she lamented.

Stribling posted her concerns on social media, trying to rally a critical mass of volunteers to help. She was pleased with the response. Many people were con-

cerned about the trash and agreed to help. Someone suggested she should work with the city, so she spoke with Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll at Greenbelt’s Public Works Department.

The result was the city sponsored a two-hour trash cleanup on March 20. “There were 18 volunteers plus myself there from 10 a.m. to noon and we managed to collect 59.5 pounds of trash as well as a number of large boxes,” Carpenter-Driscoll said.

Carpenter-Driscoll handed out bags, gloves, vests and trash scoopers so everyone could work safely.

“It was a great event,” said Stribling. “I’m so appreciative of everyone who came out.”



Volunteers gather to clean up the litter next to the pond on Hanover Parkway. Participants include LaWann Stribling and her son Samuel, K.L. Knee, Polly O'Rourke and family, Anna Childers and family, Danielle Murphy, Kelly-Doran family and Lucy Linnea Silver.

- Photos by Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll



Pond clean-up organizer LaWann Stribling and her son Samuel



Families and individuals help clean up the trash near the pond on Hanover Parkway on March 20.

